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From Murphy Student Services Center Allan Scoble - Coordinator, Student Support Services

Happy New Year and welcome back to Penn State Wilkes-Barre for the spring semester of 2014. Our SSS Mandatory Meeting this semester will be on Thursday, January 16, 2013, in S-101. Be sure to attend to get SSS updates and reminders, and to re-connect with your fellow SSS students as well with all of the staff in SSS! Remember the Regular Drop/Add Period for classes runs from January 13th through January 22nd. You can also go onto Elion and add courses during this period. After this period, you will need to use your late drop credits to drop a course. If you need to make changes to your schedule, be sure to consult with your academic advisor. Also, make sure to check out Marilyn Olenick's and Anson Carter's tutoring hours for English and math, respectively, for the spring semester. Remember to let us know if you would like to participate in our Book Resource Program for the spring semester. Our students need to complete 3 workshops, including 1 academic workshop to participate in the Book Resource Program. All SSS students are urged to attend as many workshops as possible during the spring semester. Please check out the dates for our workshops. In the spring semester of 2014 the Entrance to Major Process will take place for sophomore students; with students being able to go onto Elion to declare their major and choice of campus location. This process begins on January 2, 2014 and ends on February 14th, 2014. If you need assistance with this process, please let us know. We will be offering an ETM workshop on February 4th, 2014, in SSS. If you are unsure of your major, please schedule an appointment with Melody Goodwin, our Career Counselor, to explore majors and career choices. **Please make sure to start off the New Year right by attending all of your classes !!!** This way you will be able to stay up-to-date with all of your course requirements. Most faculty members count attendance and class participation as key ingredients to success in their courses. If you are not there, you cannot participate; with the result being you will quickly fall behind the other students in the class.

You are welcome to use our SSS space to study and also to complete your class assignments on our computers. Also, remember to check your e-mail on a regular daily basis for important announcements and deadlines! Please remember to sign in when entering the SSS area, and also to sign the Book Resource Binder on a weekly basis if you are utilizing one of our books for the Spring semester. As we begin the start of the new year, 2014, we want to let you know that all of the SSS staff are here to assist you in your college success. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help. If you are experiencing any adjustment problems on campus or experience any mental health issues, please contact me to participate in our personal counseling services. **Our workshops, study area, tutoring services, academic advising, career counseling, and personal counseling services are available for you to participate in to help ensure your success.** Have a great spring semester and continue to have a wonderful college experience!\

Career Corner
Melody Goodwin
Career Counselor



SSS Grad Success!

SSS is pleased to share the news that Ms. Kristen Durso has secured a full-time teaching position at the Penn State Worthington Scranton campus. Many of you may know Kristen as a lecturer in English at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. She is also a 2008 graduate of Penn State Wilkes-Barre and the SSS program. During her time in SSS, Kristen served as a peer mentor and was very actively involved in promoting our activities and in particular the White Elephant fundraiser. We will miss Kristen at our campus, but glad she will continue to be a part of Penn State! Congratulations Kristen! 🎉



Book Resource Program a Great Opportunity

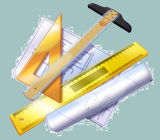
There are many perks associated with the SSS program, but one of the most popular is the Book Resource Program. The program is available to all active Wilkes-Barre SSS students. If you are enrolled in an English or Math course offered on our campus, you may use the book in our SSS area or you may borrow the book on a limited basis. In return, students will attend a minimum of three workshops. The deadline for requesting a book is Wednesday, January 22nd. Be sure to stop by the office to complete a Book Resource form and save yourself some cash! 🎉



Congratulations to our SSS fall 2013 graduates: Ross Lessard, Johnathan Myrkalo, Kevin Shewan, and Michael Stevens. Our best wishes to you. 🎉

Drop/Add Deadline
Wed., January 22nd

Math Matters
Anson Carter
Instructor in Mathematics



Question:

How many square yards are in an area of nine feet squared and nine square feet?

Know the solution? See Mr. Carter in SSS by January 21st. Correct solutions will receive 1 activity point from SSS. 🎉

Peer Mentor Update
Gail Stevens
Academic Advisor



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Peer Mentors for their hard work during the fall semester trying to assist our new students with their adjustment to college. Donovan Lindsay, Mike Gentile and Isaura Olivares, worked tirelessly to make sure you were aware of the WONDERFUL happenings in SSS and show a true interest in making sure you had a successful first semester at PSU WB! You won't be hearing from them during the Spring semester, but as always, if you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to come into SSS! We are here to assist you with your success!! 🎉

*Resolve to be
active in SSS
during the spring
semester. Sign up
for an SSS activity
today.*









To sign up for workshops or meetings, stop by SSS or email paa10@psu.edu.

Student Support Services

January 2014

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SPRING SEMESTER!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Classes Begin! 	14	15	16  Mandatory Meeting Noon-S101	17  Study Skills Noon-AC108	18
19	20 No Classes 	21 Essay Writing Noon-AC110 	22 Drop/Add Period Ends	23  Navigating a Job Fair Noon-AC110	24	25
26	27	28	29  Financial Literacy Noon-AC110	30	31	

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**The Annual Martin Luther King Jr.
Day "ON" Event**

**At
Penn State Hazleton**

**Breakfast, Speaker, Lunch
and Volunteer Opportunities**

Departing PSW-B Student Commons at
8:20 am, Returning PSW-B by 4:30 pm

Reserve your seat:
Email Jackiewp@psu.edu
In subject line: MLKing Jr.

**Activities &
Events**



Jan 13	Classes Begin
Jan 16	Mandatory Meeting Noon-S101
Jan 17	Study Skills Noon-AC108
Jan 20	No Classes MLK Day
Jan 21	Essay Writing Noon-AC108
Jan 23	Navigating a Job Fair Noon-AC108
Jan 29	Financial Literacy Noon-AC108

**Grammar Tips
Marilyn Olenick
English Tutor**



Too many sentences beginning with the same word, especially "I," "It," or "The" can make writing tedious. Different beginnings alter not only the structure but also the emphasis of the sentence and add variety to your writing.

Example:

The biggest coincidence that day happened when David and I ended up sitting next to each other.

Better:

Coincidentally, David and I ended up sitting right next to each other.☺

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